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NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK CELEBRATES NEW PROJECT IN GLENDALE

GLENDALE, Ariz. – As the nation observes National Community Development Week, Glendale celebrates a newly-opened housing facility for low-income seniors.

St. John's Manor, located on 51st and Myrtle adjacent to the St. John's Lutheran Church, houses low-income seniors who are over the age of 63. It opened in October and contains 43 one-bedroom units with full kitchens and bathrooms. The facility was built with \$2 million in HUD 202 funds, a \$200,000 grant from Glendale's CDBG funds and \$81,000 of in-kind donations from the Lutheran Church.

The City Council recently proclaimed April 17 to 21 as National Community Development Week in the city of Glendale, in recognition of the national Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, during which recognition is given to the thousands of participants and programs that improve neighborhoods and communities across the country.

At the statewide CDBG Program Celebration on April 20 in Tucson, Glendale will recognize St. John's Manor.

The city's Community Revitalization office administers the annual grant funding, which provided \$2.67 million to the Glendale community last year.

Examples of local CDBG activities include:

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- Housing rehabilitation programs: Last fiscal year, more than 414 low to moderate income Glendale families benefited from programs that include replacement housing, roof repair or replacement, and exterior improvement programs.
- Homeownership opportunities: The city partners with non-profit agencies to enable Glendale residents to become homeowners through infill housing and first-time homebuyer programs.
- Elimination of slum and blight: Last fiscal year, this voluntary program eliminated nine substandard, dilapidated structures from the city's neighborhoods.
- Public facilities and improvements: Locally, the Boys & Girls Club, YWCA and St. Mary's Westside Food Bank Alliance all benefited from this program in the last year.
- Human services: In the last fiscal year, more than 15,800 persons and 399 households benefited from programs offered by social service agencies such as employment services, legal counseling, domestic violence victims, homeless prevention and assistance to seniors and the disabled.

Glendale began receiving CDBG funds in 1977 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and has received approximately \$42.9 million for improving the physical and social conditions of the city's residents.

For more information on the program, contact the Community Revitalization Division at 623-930-3670.

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